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Letter dated 3 July 2013 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the request by the Security Council, in its resolution 2088 (2013) of 24 January 2013, for an update report on the situation in the Central African Republic by 30 June 2013.

In my latest report to the Security Council on the situation in the Central African Republic (S/2013/261), dated 3 May 2013, I highlighted four priority areas of intervention for the international community, including the need to restore security and public order and to establish a representative and inclusive political process. There are ongoing discussions and events at the regional and international levels concerning the situation in the Central African Republic, the outcome of which may have a direct impact on some of these priorities.

More specifically, on 17 June 2013, the African Union Peace and Security Council agreed, in principle, to establish an African-led international support mission for the Central African Republic. The Peace and Security Council agreed to make a final decision on the mission on the basis of a concept of operations and a concept of logistical support to be submitted by the African Union Commission by 17 July 2013. In this regard, the Commission is hosting an expert meeting in Addis Ababa from 2 to 5 July 2013 to develop the requested documents and has invited the United Nations to participate. In addition, on 8 July 2013, the second meeting of the International Contact Group on the Central African Republic is scheduled to be held. Whereas the inaugural meeting of the International Contact Group was an opportunity to bring the international community together for the first time, this second meeting will help set the course of the international response to the crisis in the Central African Republic.

Within the United Nations, we are also seeking to better document the humanitarian impact of the current situation, as requested by the Council. I am therefore dispatching Valerie Amos, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, to the Central African Republic on 11 and 12 July 2013. In addition, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has dispatched a fact-finding mission to the country that is expected to complete its work on 14 July.

In the light of these important developments and their potential impact on our collective analysis of the situation in the Central African Republic and the role that the international community can most usefully play in support of long-term stability

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and peace in the country. I would like to request an extension, until 31 July 2013, of the deadline for the submission of my report to the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon